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SUBJECT: BALOCHISTAN - UPDATE ON BALOCHISTAN EARTHQUAKE

1. (SBU) The Ziarat District Nazim, Delawar Khan Kakar, told Post this evening that the death toll from the earthquakes is now estimated to be over 180. He said that he expects that figure to rise as relief workers gain access to more remote areas, as they are now beginning to do. According to him, rescue workers have now brought in cranes to remove debris from collapsed buildings and houses. He now estimates over 50,000 homeless (unconfirmed).

2. (SBU) Kakar told Post that the Frontier Corps has three helicopters conducting relieve operations in the district. The provincial government has now established a hospital staffed with 30 physicians to treat the injured. There are a large number of NGOs now operating in the hardest hit areas. Most are local NGOs, but UNICEF is also present.

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